

By: Huffman, et al. S.J.R. No. 3
(Craddick, Bonnen, Hunter, Thompson, Curry, et al.)

Substitute the following for S.J.R. No. 3:

By: VanDeaver C.S.S.J.R. No. 3

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the
2 establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of
3 Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to
4 provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of
5 dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related
6 disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion
7 from state general revenue.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

9 SECTION 1. Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by
10 adding Section 68 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 68. (a) The legislature shall establish the Dementia
12 Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to:

13 (1) award grants to institutions of learning, advanced
14 medical research facilities, public or private persons, and
15 collaboratives in this state to provide money for:

16 (A) research into the causes of, means of
17 prevention of, and treatment and rehabilitation for dementia,
18 Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders;

19 (B) research, including translational research,
20 to develop therapies, protocols, medical pharmaceuticals, or
21 procedures for the substantial mitigation of the symptoms of
22 dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related
23 disorders;

24 (C) facilities, equipment, and other costs

1 related to research on dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's
2 disease, and related disorders; and

3 (D) prevention programs and strategies to
4 mitigate the detrimental health impacts of dementia, Alzheimer's
5 disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders;

6 (2) support institutions of learning and advanced
7 medical research facilities and collaboratives in this state in all
8 stages of:

9 (A) discovering the causes of dementia,
10 Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders;

11 (B) developing therapies, protocols, medical
12 pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of
13 the symptoms of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease,
14 and related disorders from laboratory research to clinical trials;
15 and

16 (C) developing programs to address access to
17 advanced treatment for dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's
18 disease, and related disorders; and

19 (3) establish the appropriate standards and oversight
20 bodies to ensure the proper use of funding authorized under this
21 section, including facilities development.

22 (b) The members of the governing body and any other
23 decision-making body of the Dementia Prevention and Research
24 Institute of Texas may serve six-year terms.

25 (c) The Dementia Prevention and Research Fund is
26 established as a special fund in the state treasury outside the
27 general revenue fund to be administered by the Dementia Prevention

and Research Institute of Texas. The comptroller of public accounts shall credit to general revenue interest due to the fund.

(c-1) On January 1, 2026, the comptroller shall transfer \$3 billion from this state's general revenue fund to the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund. The transfer made under this subsection is not an appropriation of state tax revenues for the purposes of Section 22, Article VIII, of this constitution. This subsection expires January 1, 2029.

(d) The Dementia Prevention and Research Fund consists of:

(1) money transferred to the fund under this section;

(2) money the legislature appropriates, credits, or transfers to the fund; and

(3) gifts and grants, including grants from the federal government, and other donations received for the fund.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, as established by general law, may use money in the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund only for the purpose of funding:

(1) grants for research on dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders, research facilities, and research opportunities in this state:

(A) for the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders and the mitigation of the incidence of and detrimental health impacts from dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders; and

(B) to develop therapies, protocols, medical

1 pharmaceuticals, or procedures for the substantial mitigation of
2 the symptoms of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease,
3 and related disorders;

4 (2) the purchase, construction, or renovation,
5 subject to the institute's approval, of facilities by or on behalf
6 of a state agency or grant recipient; and

7 (3) the institute's operation.

8 (f) Not including any unspent money appropriated to the
9 Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas carried forward
10 from the preceding state fiscal year, the legislature may
11 appropriate not more than \$300 million from the Dementia Prevention
12 and Research Fund to the institute for a state fiscal year.

13 (g) Before the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute
14 of Texas may award a grant authorized under this section, the grant
15 recipient must have available an unexpended amount of money equal
16 to one-half of the grant amount dedicated to the research specified
17 in the grant proposal.

18 (h) The reasonable expenses of managing the assets of the
19 Dementia Prevention and Research Fund shall be paid from the fund.

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for the
24 establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of
25 Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to
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